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Honorable Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

As a management student at Boston University, the settlement between that US Justice Department and Microsoft (PFJ) disturbs me.

To begin with, the PFJ still allows Microsoft to operate as a monopoly through its Windows operating system. In addition to giving permission to Microsoft to continue breaking anti-trust laws, PFJ does nothing to punish the company of its monopolistic practices from years past.

Microsoft has routinely used monopolistic strategies to gain a larger market share with little regard to competitive practices defended in the American legal system. Not only has superior software been either absorbed or destroyed by the company, but the chance of other companies moving competition further in the industry has been effectively terminated by Microsoft and this settlement. In fact, the PFJ does little to enforce the weak restrictions demanded of Microsoft.

To sum up, I'm deeply concerned the recent settlement does not regulate Microsoft's monopolistic tactics, nor does it punish the company's disregard for established law. I request that you do your best to overturn this settlement.

Respectfully,

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